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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

YOSHINORI TAKAHASHI ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/503,482)
Filed: February 14, 2000)
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD :
THAT DETERMINES THE)
PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF A :
PRINTER CONNECTED TO A)
NETWORK, AND STORAGE :
MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM)
THEREFOR (as amended) :
February 25, 2004

Examiner: G.I. Garcia

TC/Art Unit: 2624

Commissioner for Patents
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

On February 23, 2005, an interview was conducted between the undersigned representative and the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

The Examiner and Applicants' representative discussed the inserted recitation of displaying the information about the printer language supported by the printer in accordance with information received by the receiver, as provided in independent Claims 45, 48 and 51. No agreement or conclusion was reached as to the outstanding claim rejections and the disposition of the pending claims.

The Examiner, however, indicated that he will consider the inserted recitation in the pending claims after having had another opportunity to review U.S. Patent 5,228,118 (*Sasaki*) in greater detail.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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